

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Background of SafeClear Program

November 6, 2015

1. History of SafeClear Program
 - **January 2005** - The SafeClear Program began; the City entered into SafeClear Contracts (5 year term) with 11 vendors covering 29 freeway segments within the City of Houston
 - **October 2009** – the City extended all SafeClear Contracts for an additional 5 years, expiring in *June 30, 2015*.
2. Current SafeClear Contracts
 - **April 1, 2015** – City Council extended the term of the current SafeClear Contracts to **November 30, 2015**, to allow HPD and the Strategic Purchasing Division (SPD) to issue a Request for Qualifications to obtain qualifications from tow operators holding a Police Authorized Tow Services Agreement (PATSA) for the purpose of selecting vendors for new SafeClear Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Service Agreements.
3. Request for Qualifications
 - **April 17, 2015** - The Notice of Request for Qualifications (S30-Q25402) was issued on SPD's e-bidding website and mailed to all tow operators holding a PATSA.
 - **June 4, 2015** – deadline for respondents to submit their qualification packets to SPD for consideration.
4. MWBE Participation
 - **June 16, 2015** - HPD in collaboration with the Office of Business Opportunity (OBO) conducted a Certification Workshop to inform tow operators (holding PATSAs) of the process of obtaining MWBE certification necessary to subcontract with SafeClear operators.
 - a) Eight (8) tow companies attended the presentation.
 - b) No tow companies submitted MWBE applications to OBO.
 - c) There are currently only six (6) MWBE certified tow companies in the City of Houston.
5. Evaluation Process
 - **July 13 and 17, 2015** - the Evaluation Committee comprised of representatives from HPD, Public Works & Engineering (PWE), the Harris County Sherriff's Office, the Harris-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) commenced the evaluation of respondents to the RFQ.
 - A SafeClear segment(s) was assigned to the vendor that received the highest numerical score based upon an evaluation of the vendor's qualifications using the criteria delineated in the RFP.

6. Public Safety and Homeland Security (PSHS) Committee Meeting
 - **July 28, 2015** - HPD Auto Dealers Detail made a presentation to the PSHS Committee explaining the SafeClear Program and evaluation process for selection of vendors to operate on assigned SafeClear segments.

7. Execution of New SafeClear Contracts
 - **November 2-6, 2015** – SPD coordinated with the selected SafeClear vendors to execute new SafeClear Contracts with the City of Houston.

8. City Council Approval of Selected Vendors
 - **November 10, 2015** – HPD/SPD seeks City Council approval of the selected SafeClear tow operators and new SafeClear Contracts.